

FORT PIERCE NEWS

FORT PIERCE, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECEMBER 8 1911

\$1.00 PER YEAR

for Christmas the Local Stores

is again almost here
season of gifts and remem-
berance. The local merchants
are anxious to supply the needs
of the many Christmas
who need not go away
to purchase their gifts
and relatives. A glance
at our advertising pages will
show the merchants of Fort
Pierce are anxious to show a line
of goods of which they feel
proud and a visit to the
will further convince one
the lines are complete.

The department store of P.
has been turned over to
Christmas and a wide range of
are attractively displayed
for shoppers to select from.
Holiday goods include toys,
and all manner of things for
children and handsome and
presents for the grown-ups,
toilet articles, china,
and ladies luxuries and ne-
cessaries as well as substantial
in the shape of furniture, etc.
The large store of the W. J. Nes-
bitt is one to delight the
of the children, for whom a
carefully selected and heavy line
of toys, etc., has been tastily dis-
played. Nor have the older folks
been forgotten in the many things
found in this store. There is
something there for every member
of the family and the outside
visitors whom you wish to remem-
ber this holiday season.

The line of holiday goods selected
by the St. Lucie Drug Company
will all be put on display yet
and will be seen by their ad this
morning. The done tomorrow, December
9, and we are assured that their
selections of high grade stock
will make acceptable presents for
the holiday season and the display
is especially attractive.

The Pharmacy also has a
large stock of goods for the holiday season
and it has not made any
outlay the items are of the
most substantial kind very
suitable for Christmas and New
Year gifts.

The jewelry stores of A. B.
Herman and Herman Kandelin have
a variety of handsome goods
from which to select a suitable gift
for friend or relative. These
stores are showing the most attrac-
tive jewelry for ladies and
gentlemen, as well as articles for
the home.

The Jackson-Luce-Glaewin Com-
pany presents a large stock of home
furnishings, rugs, carpets,
which they are especially
at attention at this season.
Chairs, dressers, tables,
beds, dining room and
bath furniture and a long list of
small and elegant articles in
general with a very choice as-
ortment of hardware and sporting
goods, shotguns and shells,
of standard quality.

The Stewart Company also
has a selection of the holiday
line of substantial and
durable goods suitable for gifts for
the individual. A
new line of furniture is
being shown to which they call
attention, and
appeal along this line.
The market and the Super-
market have made special
preparations for the holiday season.

ROAD RALLY WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

*Hundreds of Enthusiastic Visitors Enjoyed
the Day in Fort Pierce Wednesday.*

IMMENSE OPEN-AIR BARBECUE DINNER WAS CROWNING FEATURE

*Two Interesting Meetings Were Well Attended and
Many Local and Visiting Speakers Heard on the
Vital and Absorbing Topic of Good Roads.*

Fort Pierce and St. Lucie county
did themselves proud Wednesday
on the occasion of the East Coast
Good Roads Rally and the day and
its events will be long remembered
and commented on by the hundreds
of persons who participated therein.

The day, as regards weather, was
perfect and the city presented a
holiday appearance with its hun-
dreds of flags and streamers of
bunting waiving from the business
houses, residences and every avail-
able space, welcoming the visitors,
who were here in large force. They
came from all parts of the county
by buggy, auto, boat and train,
and by noon the streets were well
crowded with an enthusiastic
throng of good roads advocates
joining hands with the people of
Fort Pierce in the rally arranged
for the representatives of the vari-
ous counties along the East Coast
from Miami to Jacksonville.

At noon interest centered in the
expected arrival of the automobiles
carrying good roads delegates from
Jacksonville, Miami and interme-
diate points. The first of these ar-
rived from Miami at 12:45 when
Mr. E. B. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank T. Budge, Miss Stella Budge
and Commodore and Mr. H. C.
Roome, comprising the Dade county
delegation, came in and were re-
ceived by the committee. The
Palm Beach county delegation, con-
sisting of G. I. Metcalf, Jas. Cro-
mer and Stanley Kitching, came
by train.

At two o'clock the Jacksonville
contingent arrived in the wake of
Pilot N. O. Penny, who escorted
them from the county line. In the
party were Herbert B. Race, D. J.
Conroy, Chas. A. Clark, Myron L.
Howard, Chris Robertson, Julian
Prewitt, Arthur Pearson, Ed Sol-
ary and John E. Gilbert in three
automobiles. These were followed
at intervals by Leon Wilson, Rush
Wilsno, E. A. Paro and Carl Wil-
son, George Scobie and W. E.
Goldsmith, of Titusville; L. S. An-
drews and John A. Fiske, of Co-
coa, came in later.

At 1:30 the crowning event of
the day occurred, and the an-
nouncement that the barbecue din-
ner was ready to be served met a
hearty response. This was served
on the Tucker lot, corner Pine
street and Orange avenue, where
lengthy tables were erected and the
premises tastily decorated with the
national colors. The visitors passed
under an immense

bles and as they crowded around
they were served with a bounteous
feast of barbecued beef and pork,
salads, beans, pickles, fruit, cake,
pies, bread, butter, and in fact a
wonderful outlay of food calculated
to appease the appetite of a hun-
dred.

The arrangement, preparation
and service of this spread was of
the very best, being handled by a
most efficient corps of ladies who
took entire charge of the affair,
and that they did their work effi-
ciently and thoroughly was evi-
denced by the unanimous praise
expressed. The general opinion of
all was that it was the best open-
air dinner that each one had ever
partaken of. More than five hun-
dred people were fed at the long
quadrangle table. Columns could
be written on this feature of the
day's events, but suffice it to say
that it was by far the best ever.

In addition to the praise and
credit due the ladies for their un-
tiring and devoted service to the
cause the Fort Pierce Band is also
due thanks and praise for furnishing
excellent and inspiring music
during the day.

After dinner the crowd met at
the Crystal theatre where a general
mass meeting and road rally was
held, nearly four hundred people
attending. Judge James E. An-
drews, president of the St. Lucie
County Good Roads' Association,
presided, and in a short talk out-
lined the purpose of the rally and
the day's events.

Judge A. D. Penny, in his usual
eloquent manner, made the address
of welcome, extending the glad
hand to our visitors and turning
over the city to them.

He was followed by Mr. Herbert
B. Race, one of Jacksonville's fore-
most business men and president
of the St. Lucie County Bank.
He told of some of his experiences
on the run from Jacksonville to
Fort Pierce, and told the people
that he had promises that if the
East Coast roads were in good con-
dition a year hence the next Glid-
den tour would be run from Mont-
real or New York to Miami, pass-
ing through St. Lucie county.

Mr. E. B. Douglas, of Miami,
who has just returned from the Na-
tional Good Roads Congress in
Richmond, told of the wonderful
interest that Congress displayed
in this route and what an abun-
dant of good advertising Florida
and the East Coast is getting there-
from.

the National highway movement.

Judge Parker followed with an
interesting talk on the vital sub-
ject, adding arguments and ideas
to those already expressed.

In the evening an informal smok-
er was given the visitors in the
Improvement Club hall, at which
a number of short talks were made.
Among those who responded were:
James Cromer and Stanley Kitch-
ing, of Palm Beach county; E. B.
Douglas, of Miami; County Com-
missioner D. J. Conroy, of Duval
county. H. B. Race, of Jackson-
ville, S. W. Jones, of New York;
C. H. Racey, of Jensen; County
Commissioner E. A. Holt, of Wa-
basso; and Rev. C. F. Reade, C.
K. Durkee, Rev. J. S. DuBose,
Rev. H. W. McCombs, Judge F. L.
Hemmings, J. K. Williams, C. M.
Horton, and others, of Fort Pierce.

This wound up the program of a
most eventful day, and one which
must be productive of good results
on account of the intense enthusi-
asm the occasion has brought to the
surface. The day was fitting as a
celebration of the successful con-
summation of the St. Lucie county
good roads bond issue of \$200,000,
for the news was spread at the
smoker that the bonds were signed
on Tuesday by the county commis-
sioners and that the money will
be available within the next ten
days.

The prize offered for the most
attractively decorated business
house was awarded to Hendry &
Penney, and for the residence dis-
trict Mrs. E. E. Rollins and Mrs.
F. L. Hemmings were awarded the
prize. This was an attractive and
striking exemplification of the
Montreal to Miami National High-
way. Montreal was portrayed on
the upper veranda in the throes of
a snow storm, and the national
highway leading from that bleak
scene downward toward the Sunny
South, with a bright red automo-
bile coasting down the white boule-
vard. The terminus was the lower
piazza, where Miami was shown in
the midst of tropical beauty, with
fruits, flowers and palms waving a
welcome.

Ground was broken Monday for
the foundation of the new Fee busi-
ness block which will be erected
on Pine street. The building will
be of brick, 50x80 feet, one story,
divided into two store rooms of
25x80 feet each. It is expected to
be ready for occupancy by Febru-
ary 1st, 1912.

Municipal Officers Elected Tuesday

At the municipal election Tues-
day officers for the city of Fort
Pierce were elected for the next
year. The occasion called forth no
demonstration and a very light
vote was polled, there being only
90 votes cast. The only opposi-
tion for any of the offices was for
the office of alderman, where there
were three candidates for the two
vacancies on the city council. The
result as canvassed by the inspec-
tors and clerk, Messrs. L. A. Jen-
nings, H. E. Crooks, S. G. Van-
Landingham and P. C. Eldred, is
as follows:

For Mayor—R. Whyte, 73.
For Clerk—F. M. Tyler, 75.
For Marshal—W. L. Coats, 72.
For Aldermen—C. A. Killer, 71;
L. L. Carlton, 61; D. T. McCarty,
37.

Messrs. Whyte, Tyler, Coats,
Killer and Carlton were declared
elected, and at the adjourned meet-
ing of the city council last even-
ing they were administered the
oaths of office.

This makes one change in the
personnel of the council, Mr. Car-
lton succeeding Mr. McCarty, who
has served the city as alderman for
two terms.

"Everybody's Friend."

On Friday evening, December
15th, at the Improvement Club
hall, a high-class three-act society
comedy entitled "Everybody's
Friend," will be presented by home
talent, and it promises to be one of
the funniest and best productions
ever staged by amateurs in this
city. "Everybody's Friend" is a
kind and obliging person who gets
in all manner of awkward situa-
tions in his laudable efforts to as-
sist his friends, and he is ably sup-
ported by other characters, among
whom are a domestic and devoted
wife, a dashing widow and a bash-
ful lover, a pompous military man
and his superior and intellectual
wife.

Regular rehearsals are being held
and the players are working hard
to have the production in first class
shape for perfect rendition on next
Friday evening. The play is be-
ing staged and directed by Mrs.
E. E. Rollins, which is an assur-
ance that it will be well worth see-
ing. The other principal charac-
ters are to be portrayed by Miss
Kathleen Smith, Miss Edna Johns,
and Messrs. W. E. Tylander, A. B.
Brown and C. H. B. Floyd.

If you want to enjoy an evening
of rare fun and an intellectual treat
be sure to secure your seats for
"Everybody's Friend."

Unique Excursion

The ladies of the Presbyterian
church are planning to give the
public a great treat and surprise
in their contemplated cruise next
Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th. The
excursion will be by automobile,
leaving the station every 15 min-
utes, and various countries will be
visited, at each of which will be
served the refreshments peculiar to
that country. There will also be
on sale at these stops some novel
fancy work gifts, also some candy.
The price for the round trip will
be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents
for children, with stop over privi-
leges. The proceeds from the sale
the fund for a new Presbyterian
church.